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THE PASSING OF DOBIE.

A mess pot of trouble that had been bubbling for some time over the fires of dissension, boiled over last week when President Suzzalo, of the University of Washington, announced that no new contract would be offered Gilmore Doi, football coach.

This marks the passing from Washington of a coach whose fame gained while there has been nation-wide. He undoubtedly has an enviable record with nine years of victories—and only three tie games.

President Suzzalo declared that Dobie had failed to perform one of the chief functions of the college—that of building up the character of its students.

That is indeed a serious charge and which, if true, would unquestionably justify President Suzzalo in his action in retiring the coach. From correspondence the Emerald is aware Dobie had with Oregon athletes, I fully appreciate the meaning of the Dobie motto "Defeat never; victory always."

But the Emerald has no desire to strike when a man is down and from the popular demonstration accorded the Wily Scotchman of the northland in the wee sma' hours of the morning by the underclassmen of the University of Washington it is to be presumed he struck a popular chord in their hearts.

But the Emerald cannot but feel that the passing of Coach Gilmore Dobie from the northwest will see the intercollegiate athletic relations of the institutions clarified.

Leap Year is coming to an end and still there are many men remaining single. Who's to blame?

THE O. A. C. GAME TO PORTLAND

The Emerald is convinced that the transfer of the annual championship game between Oregon Agricultural College from Eugene to the Portland gridiron is a progressive move. It is in keeping with the growth of the major sport of football on the coast and the inception and healthy start the Pacific Coast Conference received from this last season.

When the students of the two state institutions rose up in righteous wrath three years ago and made the officials change the game from Portland to the campuses it was then the annual con-

test was the most supreme struggle on the coast.

But in the space of three years Washington State College has come prominently to the fore and now Oregon is looking forward to its game in Eugene next fall with the University of California as its great gridiron battle. Due to these changes the whole football complexion has been changed.

Then the financial profits accruing from this change are not so insignificant as to be overlooked. It is a foolish head that provides all gander and no sauce for a feast.

COMMUNICATION

To The Editor:

I wish to call attention to a news story on dramatics and dramatic organizations which appeared in the Emerald of last week. While I have no desire to enter into a controversy with anybody, either in the columns of your paper or elsewhere, I do feel that it is only fair to the Emerald's readers and to the two dramatic organizations now existing on the Oregon campus that some of the inaccurate statements appearing in the article referred to be corrected.

"The Campus Players" is a dramatic organization of rather ambitious purpose and designs. The organization was not formed by the department of dramatic interpretation, as the story states, but was formed last spring just prior to the close of college by several of the summer school students. At that time the organization elected Dr. E. S. Bates as honorary member and as director. Dr. Bates then had no official connection with the dramatic department and has now no official University connection with Campus Players.

The organization was so successful during the summer session under the direction of Dr. Bates, and received such hearty support that we felt that we ought to perpetuate ourselves and organize upon a permanent basis. The organization produced during the summer school, "The Truth," by Clyde Fitch; "Hedda Gabler," by Ibsen; and a series of one act plays by local authors. The plays had no connection with the dramatic department; the members received no University credits or the work done, and profits were divided among the participants. So we were not, as the reporter states, formed by the dramatic department and "The Live Corpse" is not the first play which the organization has produced.

We are, moreover, an upper-class, honorary organization. We do not take in members of the lower division, and we require all of our members to have appeared creditably in at least three university plays.

We are not rivals of any other dramatic organization on this campus; nor do we wish to be. And the actions of any member of the Campus Players which tends to convey this impression will be discountenanced by the organization as a whole, as I feel sure will also be done in the case of the University Players' organization.

As a further evidence of what little foundation there is in the report of rivalry, during the summer session two

members of the University Players took part in our productions; two members of the same organization were invited to appear in the coming production of "The Live Corpse," and one of them has accepted this invitation and will play an important part. In short, our aim is co-operation to the fullest extent with either organizations or individuals for the promotion of the drama in Oregon.

Very truly yours,
CHAS. W. PRIM,
(President, Campus Players)

MEDAL DEBATE DEC. 19

Alumni Prize Contest to Determine Best Speaker.

Entire Varsity Team Have Signified Their Intention of Entering.

The alumni medal contest will take place in Guild hall, at 7 p. m. December 19. This contest was established by alumni of the University to determine the best debater in school. Only members of the varsity debating squad are eligible. According to further rules laid down by the alumni, only Oregon graduates may act as judges.

Last year the medal was won by Walter Myers. In 1914 Peter Crockett held the medal, and the year before the trophy was won by Victor Morris.

This year the entire debating squad of eight members will be allowed to enter. Those who will be in the contest are: Earl Fleischmann, Nicholas Jaureguy, Rosalind Bates, Lewis Beebe, Vivian Kellems, Don D. Davis and Walter Bailey. The two substitutes, C. N. Patterson, and Carlton Savage have also signified their intention of participating.

The question will be the same as the one used in the elimination and final try-outs, "Resolved that the U. S. shall adopt the essential features of the Canadian system for the settlement of industrial disputes." The debaters must be prepared to speak on either side of the question. Three hours before the contest lots will be drawn to decide who shall have the affirmative and who the negative.

There has been some difficulty in securing judges, as alumni who were public speakers are hard to get. The two men agreed on to date are Earl Kilpatrick and Karl Onthank.

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STUDENTS TO DANCE

Friday Evening Function to Be Marked With Features.

Band Music, Punch and Low Rates Are on Attractive Program Offered.

The second of the student body dances, which have been revived on the campus this year after a prolonged absence, will be given Friday night of this week. According to Harold Tregilgas, chairman of the committee of the student council in charge of the dance, several new features that will "make it go" have been decided upon.

The University band will furnish the music, and band music at a dance would seem to be ideal according to the committee. More than this, there will be punch, and the admission will be 15 cents for one person or 25 cents a couple.

The alphabetical seating arrangement used last week at the sophomore formal will be repeated at the dance Friday evening. Some objection was heard to this plan, because the girls were not able to be with their sorority sisters or friends, unless they happened to have the same initial. This can be overcome to a large measure according to those who favor the plan, by remaining with the group of friends until after the first dance and returning then to the section which includes your initial.

The committee is anxious that many members of the faculty should take advantage of the special invitations sent them.

ENROLLMENT IS NOW 950

Dean Straub Hopes for 1300 by End of Next Year.

The latest figures on the total enrollment of the University of Oregon give 950, according to Dean Straub.

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this school year. He also prophesies that by the end of the next school year, the University will be able to boast of an attendance of 1300.

In his travels over the state, Dean Straub said he noticed a strong interest for the University. He remarked that he was surprised to find even in the parts of Washington tributary to the Columbia river a strong tendency towards the University of Oregon.

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